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SUBJECT: NERVE GASS INCIDENT

REF: STATE 275622 (NOTAL)

1. JOHANNES KOENIGSTORFER AND PETER SVOBODA WERE CONVICTED IN VIENNA COURT ON OCTOBER 28 FOR POSSESSION OF DEADLY NERVE GAS (DIISOPROPYLFLUOROPHOSPHATE-DFP) AND SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT EACH. ACCORDING TO PRESS, BROTHER OF FORMER, RICHARD KOENIGSTORFER, WHO PRODUCED GAS IN WEST BERLIN, WAS RECENTLY GIVEN SUSPENDED TWO-YEAR SENTENCE BY WEST BERLIN COURT AND PLACED ON PROBATION; MARTIN SPIELER, WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY TO HAVE OFFERED TO PURCHASE THE GAS, IS REPORTEDLY AWAITING TRIAL IN WEST BERLIN.

2. ACCORDING TO NEWS ACCOUNTS, CONVICTED MEN TESTIFIED THAT THEIR INITIAL OBJECTIVE WAS COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF SPRAY CANS OF INCAPACITATING GAS FOR USE IN SELF-DEFENSE; HOWEVER, SPIELER SUGGESTED PRODUCTION OF DFP INSTEAD, CLAIMING HE HAD POTENTIAL ROMANIAN BUYER FOR IT. CONVICTED MEN CLAIMED THEY HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO DESTROY THE GAS RATHER THAN DELIVER IT WHEN THEY WERE APPREHENDED. NO EVIDENCE WAS PRESENTED THAT THEY INTENDED TO USE IT FOR CRIMINAL OR TERRORISTIC PURPOSES. BUCHANAN

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